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WINTER DRIVING DANGERS

Winter driving can be challenging so it's important to sharpen your driving skills and adjust your driving habits to increase your safety and decrease the chance of being involved in a crash. The following tips may help you avoid being involved in a crash when roadways are icy:

- Reduce your speed according to the road conditions
- Allow greater distance between your vehicle and other traffic while traveling
- Allow for a greater distance to stop your vehicle as you approach an intersection
- Avoid sudden changes in speed and direction
- Do not use your cruise control when roads are icy

Following these tips and planning for winter travel will minimize the risk of being involved in a crash. So far this year, four of the six fatal crashes have been one vehicle rollovers where the victim was ejected. "Seatbelts are your best defense against serious injury and loss of life if involved in a motor vehicle crash," said Colonel Mark Nelson.